



SUCCESS STORIES

EDUCATORS, STUDENTS, & FAMILIES SHARE THEIR READING SUCCESS!

Reluctant Reader to Knowledge Seeker



“When I started school last year, reading was hard and I was scared I wouldn’t be able to learn and catch up. I got an A in reading on my last report card. I made honor roll! When I grow up, I want to be a teacher or a doctor.”

Gregmarie
2009 Scholastic READ 180 All-Star, Stage A
PA

Born in Ponce, Puerto Rico, Gregmarie moved to the United States when she was seven years old, speaking very little English. She struggled with reading and writing in both Spanish and English, and her teachers and family were very concerned for her academic future. She started 3rd grade as a very nervous and reluctant reader, but once she enrolled in *READ 180*, her transformation was “nothing short of a miracle,” according to her teacher, Scott Toonder. Scott states, “She is brimming with confidence in her ability to learn, and she can decode and comprehend material that was once foreign to her. She has gone from a reluctant learner to a lover of knowledge, from a nervous student to an active participant. She has gone from a student whose future was in doubt to making full honor roll.”

Gregmarie’s academic achievements and work ethic make her stand out among her peers, and after seven months in *READ 180*, the once-shy student now actively volunteers to help her classmates and peers with their work. She recognizes that her hard work in *READ 180* is opening up doors that she felt were closed before.